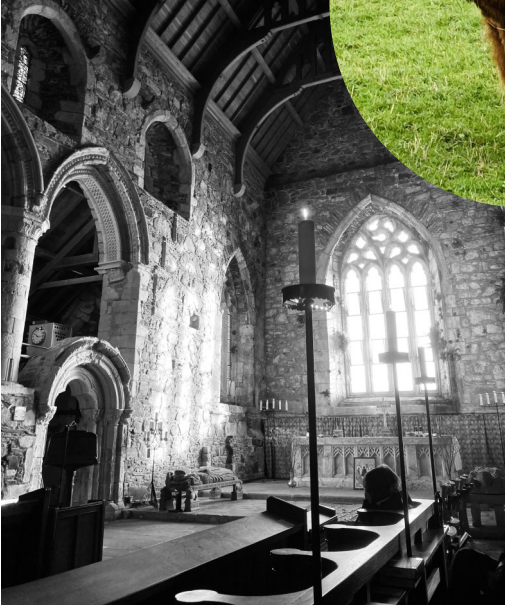
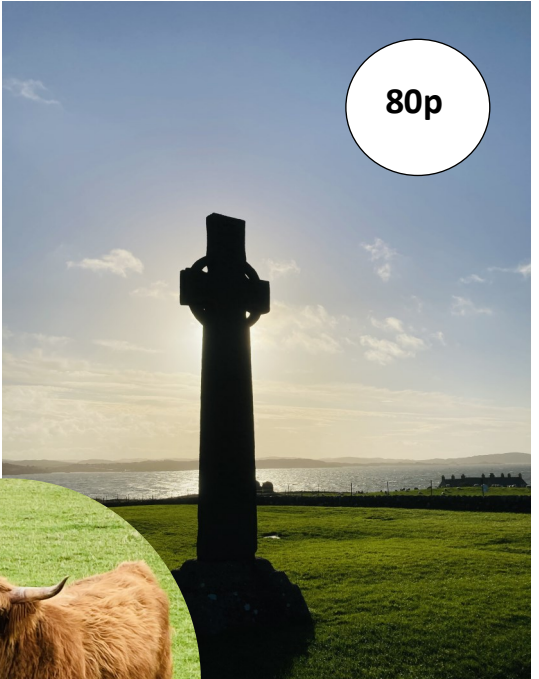


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Happy New Year

None of us quite know what to expect when a new year dawns. Two years ago, as we went into 2020, we would never have imagined how disrupted and changed our lives would be because of the coronavirus pandemic. Perhaps that's a good thing – we were able to celebrate the turning of the year with joy and looking forward, rather than with a fear of what was to hit us.

Some of you know that back in October, I went to the island of Iona with a group from the diocese, led by the Bishop of Sherborne. The Christian community on Iona began when Columba, in a small boat, crossed the sea from Ireland as a missionary. The story goes that Iona was the first place he stopped at where he could no longer see his homeland.

The faith in Northern England was mainly inherited from their Celtic neighbours; while further south, it was missionaries from the Roman Church who brought Christianity to this country. Over time, the Latinised version dominated and the Celtic traditions all but died out.

Fortunately in the past 30 years or so, people have begun to rediscover them. One of the great joys of the Celtic tradition is the explicit focus on God in daily life. There are prayers for home and hearth, for farmers and fishers, for getting up and going to bed, for friends and strangers. In all these prayers is a sense that God is part of the every day, encircling everyone. There are prayers for protection, for help, and wonderful blessings. The popular hymn *Be Thou my Vision* is based on a Celtic prayer.

As the new year dawn and none of us know what it will hold, I offer three prayers from the Celtic tradition. The first reminds us that, even when we are weak, God's strength is with us:

*I arise today
through a mighty strength:
God's power to guide me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's eyes to watch over me;
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to give me speech,
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God's way to lie before me,
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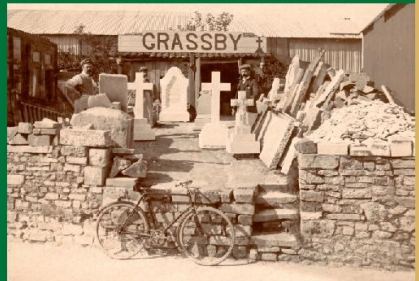


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The second is an acknowledgement that God has many dimensions:

*You are the peace of all things calm.
You are the place to hide from harm.
You are the light that shines in dark.
You are the heart's eternal spark.
You are the door that's open wide.
You are the guest who waits inside.
You are the stranger at the door.
You are the calling of the poor.
You are my Lord and with me still.
You are my love, keep me from ill.
You are the light, the truth, the way.
You are my Saviour this very day.*

Finally, my wish and prayer for you for the coming year:

*May your year be filled with blessings
like the sun that lights the sky,
and may you always have the courage
to spread your wings and fly!*

May God bless you all.

*With best wishes,
Sarah*

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| 9th | Puddletown Praise | Team |
| 16th | Bob Todd | Pat Sparks |
| 23rd | Cynthia Metcalfe | Ursula Pomeroy & Geoff Hawkins |
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| Lent | | Bishop's Fund for Sudan |
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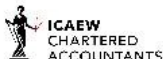
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Childhood memories often bring to mind prayers, and this month's contribution goes back to childhood for Jacky Burden.

"I have a brother and two sisters and, as my parents were in business, we had a Nanny that gave us tea after school and in the holidays, as well as organising 'the entertainment'." The family didn't always take to their child-minders, so not all of them stayed in post that long.

The prayer we always used to say at teatime with Nanny Jill (who stayed for a very long time) was this. It has become a favourite.

*Praise our Father for His care,
all through the day, all through the year,
for all our friends, both big and small,
praise the Father of us all.*



To contribute to this column, please send details of your prayer with a few sentences about why it's important to you, to Sarah Hillman (sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com). If you're not on-line, we'd still love you to participate so snail mail is also great!

BENEFICE PRAYER GROUP

Janet Voke and Sue Turner warmly invite you to join them for a time of friendship and prayer for all of us in the benefice.

It will be in the Church Room, Puddletown on Tuesdays from 10.30 until 12.00 noon.

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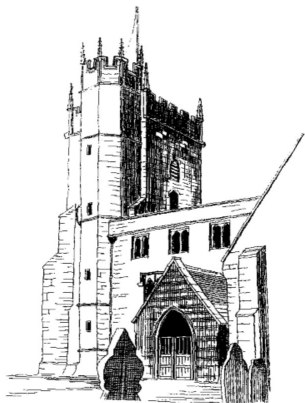
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Rosemary's Card Stall will be in the church Room on 21st January and again on 17th

February. The cards are good quality and very reasonably priced. Do come along and have a look.

The Monthly Village Lunch is also back. The first one will be held on Monday 10th January from 12noon to 1.30pm. We shall be serving lasagne and vegetables followed by some delicious home-made puds. If you would like to book your place then please contact Sheila on 849193 or Jean on 848211. You might also like to put the next lunch date in your diary – February 14th.

Messy Church This will take place in Puddletown Church room on Sunday January 2nd. There will be activities, crafts, songs, games, a bible story and prayers followed by tea. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

A big THANK YOU to all those who helped make poppies for our church tower for Remembrance. They looked amazing! An article and photos were in the Dorset Echo and the Salisbury Diocese Grapevine newsletter and even on the Barley Flower Tower Facebook page, which was where our inspiration came from.

The net of poppies was hung from the tower from Wednesday 10th until Friday 26th November - 2 days less than planned due to the forecast storms.

Stop Press: The Christmas Fair held on Saturday 11th December in the Village Hall raised nearly £900. Thank you to everyone involved.

Hoping 2022 will be better in every way we wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.





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A Northern Pilgrimage – Iona, Inner Hebrides

I've always had an affinity for St Columba as his saint's day is my birthday. This trip to Iona, where he built the Christian community, had been a long time in coming. I'd originally booked to go in 1995, but sadly ill-health prevented my going, so when I read that the Bishop of Sherborne was leading a trip for people in Salisbury diocese, I jumped at the chance. This time the trip was only postponed by a year: from 2020 to 2021.

Two members of the Puddletown church congregation and I set off on our long journey on Tuesday 19th October. We reached Glasgow by car, train, plane and taxi, where we joined the rest of the group for an overnight stop at a hotel whose name I shall not mention. The rooms were generally fine, but . . . I and others in the group spent a fair amount of time reading the colourful, glossy menu laid out for us in the bedrooms, deciding what we would eat for our evening meal and whether to choose a supper-breakfast deal or not. The reality was far from the anticipation. The actual dining-room menu was nothing like it. Little choice, running out of what was on the menu, miniscule portions for some, dreadful service and an inability to calculate the bill correctly – just paying for our food took more than half an hour. Needless to say, on the return journey most of us ate out.

The journey to Iona the next day, mainly by coach and boat, provided some stunning views: Loch Lomond in particular had me transfixed. We drove from Glasgow to Oban, where we joined the ferry to Mull. Standing on deck, sea all around, I began to shake off the busy-ness and mind-whirling that is part of my daily life and find peace. Across Mull by coach before a much smaller boat took us to Iona itself.

We trudged up the hill to our hotel, the hill that the following day seemed only like a gentle rise, but which at the end of a day's travelling appeared steeper than it really was. The Columba hotel, where we would spend the next five nights, was warm and welcoming.

I fell in love with the island. Over the next few days, we listened to talks from the Bishop about the Celtic saints and joined the Iona community for services in the Abbey, an imposing building. Columba arrived in the year 563 and built a monastery where he and his band of brothers lived. In spite of many Viking raids, their buildings stood until the end of the 12th-century. The current abbey dates back to the founding of a Benedictine community in around 1200. Monasticism remained a dominant feature of Iona life until the Reformation, when everything ended.

There were organised group trips around the island and to Mull, but I chose to do my own thing. One day I took a trip to Staffa, the home of Fingal's cave, which has so memorably influenced the composer Felix Mendelssohn, the poets Wordsworth, Keats and Tennyson, and the artist Turner. Even Queen Victoria made the trip. The cave is amazing. Similar to the Giant's Causeway in



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Ireland, which is perhaps better known, it is made from hexagonal basalt columns. I didn't sing while there – there were several in the cave at the time – but the acoustics are incredible.

On another day, I visited the abbey as a tourist not a worshipper. It is a stark and cold building but the warmth inside has been created by those who now live and work there. In 1938 George MacLeod, a church minister from a desperately poor dockland parish in Govan, Glasgow, took unemployed skilled craftsmen and young trainee clergy to Iona to rebuild both the monastic quarters of the mediaeval abbey and create common life by working and living together, sharing skills and effort as well as joys and achievement. His original vision has adapted as time has moved on, but a community still lives, works and worships there with social justice at its heart.

Alongside the church buildings is the Abbey museum, full of artefacts and information. Historic Scotland looks after it, and it has one of the best Scottish collections of earliest crosses and graves.

On another day, Emma from Puddletown and I wandered down to St Columba's Bay, where he is believed to have landed when he first arrived in Iona. Here we found an array of beautiful pebbles of all different shades and hues.

For all the history of the place, what really spoke to me above all else was the beauty and peace of the island. I spent hours on the empty sandy beaches on the island's north coast, watching the waves roll in and out, praying, marvelling at the beauty of creation and just being. I found deep inner and outer peace. Most days when I visited, I was alone on the expanses of sand.

And the rainbows. Never have I seen so many in such a small amount of time. A symbol of hope from earliest times, it was as if they were everywhere following us around and reminding me of the phenomenal world in which we live, where beauty is all around, in the sky, sea and on land.

I came home determined to find more peace and space in my life and wanting to build a cloister in which to house a Hieland coo! The first of those aims is still a work in progress. I can't imagine the second ever happening, but life is the poorer without dreams. And I did bring back two cuddly toy versions of the cow, now named Columba and Iona.

Sarah Hillman





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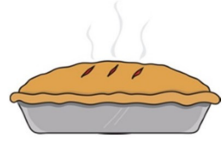
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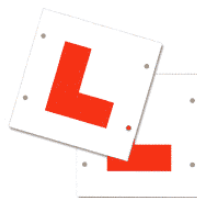
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We are changing the ration of the cattle feed, taking out the oil seed rape meal and replacing it with a protein pea which has been grown by a local farming friend down the dual carriageway near Bere Regis, these peas had not made the grade for tinned peas, (mushy peas) as the sun had bleached the pea and they were not green enough in colour. This will be mixed with our home grown barley which we roll here on the farm, this is literally rolled between two large rollers to flatten it and then mixed with minerals and the peas, to give a good nutritious balanced feed. With the housed cattle having some hay, straw or silage which is also keeping the feed bill as low as we can possibly do, whilst not compromising the cattle growth rates.



Some cattle are still outside grazing the grass and others are grazing their way through the fields of turnips; some of these cattle are eating some of our home mix and others are on the round bales of silage that were made over the summer months.

The earlier sown autumn crops of winter barley and wheat have grown on well with the kind weather we have had of late. Some fields have received a pass with the sprayer applying a mix of weed killer and an aphicide. The large liquid fertilizer tanks are filled in preparation for the spring applications and taking advantage of the lower winter fill prices.

All the ewes are grazing the downland with the aim to pull the grass right down, so there is plenty of light and little competition for the wild flowers and rarer grass species to flourish in the warm days of spring.

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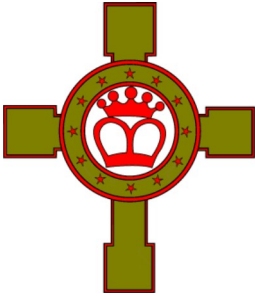
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Happy New Year! I hope you all had a happy and restful Christmas.

Before the Christmas break, Year 6 were learning about the Jewish festival of Passover, when Jewish people celebrate God freeing them from slavery in Egypt. The children role-played a Seder meal (which begins the festival celebrations) and tasted the symbolic foods. Year 7 were thinking about the plight of refugees in their Theology and Ethics lessons. Lots of very thought-provoking work was produced, including poetry and artworks.

House Matches took place in November for all the year groups, enthusiasm was clearly shown throughout all the matches which made it all a pleasure to officiate and watch. The PE team and other members of staff could not have made the days run so smoothly without the help of our fantastic sports captains. Every single person involved either participating in the challenges or officiating put in one hundred percent effort.

Well done St Mary's for taking part in last year's Children in Need. Everyone did an amazing job donating online and bringing money into school. The total raised was £529.75, a fantastic effort by all!

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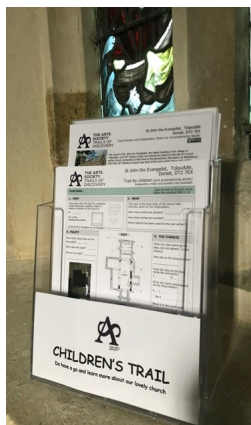
St John's Church Tolpuddle—January 2022

It is difficult to believe that another year is behind us- and what a strange year it has been- with isolation and lock downs, schools open and closed and much of the time spent behind masks. We have all tried very hard to accept the new normal and support each other through the difficult times. Our Vicar

has guided us through the rules as interpreted by the Church of England despite some resistance. Then, just as we were lulled into thinking that we could in fact live with the virus, we have been shocked into a new wave and new restrictions- just in time for Christmas.

I am writing this at the beginning of December and at the moment all I can say is that we are planning a normal Carol Service and Crib Service for the children. The Trees have been erected and we are really grateful to Matt, Fi and Abi for the Remembrance Tree at the church gateway and the tree inside the church donated by Hollands Barn. They have also organised the village "Lighting Up". Marion has wonderful plans for decorating the church and here I would like to say a HUGE thank you to her for all the glorious flowers through the year which have followed the seasonal patterns of wild flowers. She has also planted up the pots at the entrance which together with the churchyard team have indicated to all the visitors that the church is a very important part of our community.

Despite everything we have managed to raise large sums to keep the church afloat- with a very successful inauguration of the "Church Camping"- thanks here again to Fi, Mandy, Marion and Jayne. We have developed the Tolpuddle Events Committee (TEC) and through this medium we held the Summer Sizzle and more recently the Bonfire Party.



Although the size of our congregations have dwindled we do truly believe that the church is appreciated and needed by many in the village- we have had a marriage blessing this year and a funeral. We hope that more children will come into the church to have a try at the Children's Trail- which has been thoughtfully produced by the Arts Society. Messy Church has restarted, this afternoon of creative fun and storytelling for children 4 to 12 years old culminates in a family supper; it is held at 4pm on the first Sunday of the month around the Benefice. Tolpuddle will be hosting it next on **March 6th** in the Village Hall.

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At the time of the magazine going to press, two funerals were due to take place in December, that of Brian Miller of Whitehill and Joe Cox previously of this village. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this difficult time.

All that is left for us to say is – a very Happy and Healthy New Year to you all

Hilly and Jayne

TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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In December the church hosted Milborne St Andrew's First School's Christmas Service which is an annual event where the children and their parents fill our little church with joyful sounds and messages. Unfortunately, because of concerns around the spread of Covid there were not as many children's activities in church this year such as the Christingle.

Our Events Committee came up 'trumps' again with a successful Christmas Fair. Many thanks to all who helped, came along and spent their money. It raised over £440 for our church.

Pam Shultz
Churchwarden



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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

As part of the Milborne Jubilee Jamboree, our gardening club will be sponsoring and judging a planted container competition. Entries should have a royal theme: they will be judged by category and there will be awards for both large and small containers. Judges look forward to seeing quirky, imaginative and amusing containers along with the more traditional types ... it will be your chance to show off your creative flair and to enhance our village. Containers should be positioned at the front of your property so that they can be enjoyed by all and easily judged. Entry to the competition will be free and there will be prizes for each category; judging will take place just before the bank holiday weekend so that competition winners will be able to display their awards for people to see.



Do you think the container competition sounds fun but you're worried you don't have the expertise to join in? Well, worry no more. Early this year, the gardening club intends to host a talk on container planting to which all are welcome to come along. Whether you intend to plant in a wellie or a wheelbarrow, you'll learn enough to put on a show that will brighten up your front garden.

Further details and information on how to enter will follow in the coming months.

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Dorset Trading Standards News – Wood Fuel



Harmful levels of air pollution can damage people's health and reduce their quality of life. We can all be affected by this, but some, especially children, older people, and those with respiratory problems, can be affected most.

While only 8% of homes use log burners, they are now the biggest cause of a particular type of particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns across. These are tiny, generally the human eye can see debris and dust that are only approximately 25 microns in size. It's these tiny particles that can enter the bloodstream which can potentially cause serious health issues for those most susceptible to them. As the popularity of log burners has grown the amount of this type of particulate has increased, it's more than doubled since 2003.

Therefore, in the first changes to what consumers can burn in their home for 70 years the UK government has introduced the Air Quality Regulations 2020. This new law restricts the sale of wet wood which when burnt produces more tiny particles than seasoned or dry wood. Banning the sale of wet wood should help improve air quality for all.

Wood fuel can now only be sold in volumes of less than 2 cubic metres if it is certified as 'Ready to Burn'. This confirms it has a moisture content of 20% or less. It applies to both firewood and wood briquettes sold in single retail bags or supplied as a bulk delivery in loose volumes of less than 2 cubic metres. Traders are also required to store the wood in such a way that it is not sold to customers damaged or wet.

For more information about the new regulations, or to report a trader who is selling wet or un-certified wood, you can contact Dorset Council Trading Standards by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.

Dorchester Poverty Action

Dorchester Poverty Action (DPA) has been working locally throughout the pandemic providing grants of up to £250 to those living in DT1 and DT2, who are at a point of financial crisis. A small amount of money can make the difference between just managing and beginning a downward spiral of debt.

Over the last 2 years people have been made redundant, some people have not been eligible for furlough but have no on-going work, the prevalence of domestic abuse increased and children have not been at school, some with no access to online learning. DPA has been there throughout, working with local professionals, providing grants for furniture to those moving away from an abusive relationship, computers for a school in DT2, nursery equipment for a new baby, a car repair for a rural worker to get to their job and when the schools returned, grants for school uniform, especially shoes.

Grants have also been provided to help cover fuel costs, as people were at home all day during lockdown. DPA's fuel grants will become even more needed as the cost of fuel rises this winter. Many of us have just received our letter stating that we will be receiving the DHSS annual winter fuel payment of £200. Do you need that £200? This amount of money could make a real difference to a family in DT1 or DT2, who has to decide whether to feed the children or heat the home.

To find out more about Dorchester Poverty Action go to www.dorchesterpovertyaction.org.uk where you can learn more about the charity and donate. Alternatively cheques can be made out to Dorchester Poverty Action and sent to DPA c/o United Church Dorchester 49-51 Charles Street, Dorchester DT1 1EE. Thank you.

Milborne First School

The youngest members of the school, Rabbits Class, enjoyed an afternoon Outdoor Education Stay and Play session where their parents were able to join them in school for the afternoon.

Thank you to all our grown ups who joined us. If our grown up couldn't make it then a Y4 ambassador helped us instead. We started with a Welly Walk around the boundaries where we became colour detectives. Along the walk we talked about safety hazards such as brambles, nettles and berries. Next we gathered at our cast away camp where we would usually stop for a story but the children talked with their grown up about anything interesting they had noticed on their walk instead. The year 4 ambassadors then gave the children a choice of activities which they could choose from which included 1) Shelter Building; 2) Hapazome; 3) Tree Faces; 4) Sticky Crowns; 5) Natural Art. The children then explored their chosen activities with their grown up, with the Y4s leading while Miss Wittman built a fire in the fire bowl. We concluded our session by toasting marshmallows.

'Odd Socks and Spots' day on the 19th November saw us fundraising for **Children in Need** by wearing Spots or Pudsey related clothing. We also supported 'Anti-bullying Week' by wearing our 'Odd Socks'. The focus of the day was 'Saying or doing something Kind'. The School Council held a cake sale with cakes donated by our wonderful parents. We raised an amazing total of **£190.70!** Well done everyone and Thank you for your support.

The Dean of Salisbury's pilgrimage

Dean of Salisbury the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos will be leading a pilgrimage through the biblical lands of Israel and Palestine from 19th to 28th April 2022.

"Covid-19 put paid to our plans to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2020," he said.

"I am thrilled that new dates have been identified.

"I made my first pilgrimage in 2016. It was quite an overwhelming experience.

"Since then, I have had the privilege of leading two further pilgrimages, and the prospect of returning to Israel and Palestine in 2022, after the pandemic has subsided, is very exciting."

The pilgrimage will include visits to the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and the Dead Sea.



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Milborne Ladybirds Playgroup

Poppies, Pudsey and Christmas

On the Monday following the wreaths being placed at the war memorial we went on a walk to see the poppies. Some of the children had seen them on the Sunday and when asked where we might find them one little boy said 'on the tree'. He certainly was right, and they look beautiful there. Following a good look at the wreaths the children played Pooh sticks at March bridge before we went into the Grove to see the 'broken' tree. This raised many questions as to 'why?' and 'how'. Those 2 questions that seem to be asked of so many things from this age group. A good book to follow up with is 'After the Storm' one of the Percy the Parkkeeper stories by Nick Butterworth. On returning to the Hall the children made pictures of poppies.



As we are a registered charity, we don't get involved in fund raising for other organisations but feel it is important that the children understand that some children are not as lucky as they are. So on Friday when Children in Need aired we made some Pudsey masks and talked about the children who are poorly or don't have toys and lots of food.

We have now entered December and have started on our Christmas makes, songs and play. The thing that is causing the most excitement is the Cheeky Elf who during the night moves around the Hall causing mischief. After coats off and bags sorted the children run off to find where he is. When he was seen hanging from the high decorations one of the children asked how he has got up there. After some consideration it was decided that the cheeky elf had climbed onto an elephant's head! Well would you believe it not only a cheeky elf but an elephant too playing in the Hall at night.



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Can you help keep our library open? The library relies on volunteers to continue providing books, information and activities. If you are interested in joining the friendly volunteer team, contact puddletownlibrary@gmail.com




200 Club winners

November

1st Prize £40 Ticket 89 Christine Prentice
2nd Prize £20 Ticket 33 Andrew Deans
3rd Prize £10 Ticket 104 Shirley Ward





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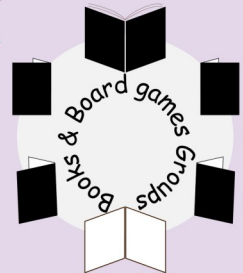
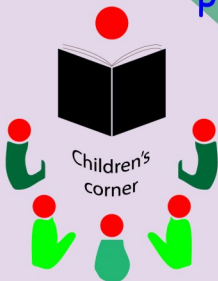
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The 2022 Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival

Planning for the 2022 flower festival at Salisbury Cathedral is well underway. “Celebration” A Festival of Flowers takes place from Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th May and will involve hundreds of arrangers.

It is designed by Michael Bowyer, Pam Lewis and Angela Turner, all Chelsea gold medallists.

Michael, director of Salisbury Cathedral Flowers and president of the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), said everyone was saddened when the festival planned for 2020 could not go ahead due to the pandemic.

But, he said, next year’s festival will include elements of the cancelled festival as well as themes celebrating the Queen’s platinum jubilee, key workers, the power of nature, the cathedral’s treasures and the Church’s year.

“As well as members of Salisbury Cathedral Flowers, every flower club and every church from the Diocese of Salisbury has been invited to take part,” said Michael.

He added that the festival would be environmentally friendly, as arrangers would be using compostable substitutes for floral foam, and a section of the displays would focus on bees and other pollinators.

Tickets for the 2022 flower festival are now available from the cathedral’s website

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events/celebration-festival-flowers>



Captions: 1 and 2: Flashback to the 2015 flower festival and these displays depicting land and sea, illustrate the diversity of the Diocese of Salisbury.

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News from the Dorchester office of Central Dorset Citizens Advice

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With the post-Christmas sales and other advertising offers many of us will be tempted to buy items that we cannot afford to pay for immediately? Are you tempted by the offer of a scheme that would allow you to delay or split the payment? You may have seen companies such as Klarna, Clearpay, LayBuy, Open Pay or Pay Pal offering payment schemes they say will make buying more manageable. These products are becoming very popular - it's estimated that 14 million people in the UK have used one of them in the last year.

Although this method of payment can be helpful for some customers it is a credit product that is inherently risky. Citizens Advice has recently published a report called 'Buy Now, Pain Later', outlining some of the problems customers have faced by using these products. They are marketed as a smooth and easy payment method. However it's all too easy to be drawn into one of the schemes without fully realising the full implications. In fact many people become involved by accident because it is the default payment method on some retailers' websites or there is an offer attached to using the product that encourages customers to sign up. There is often a lack of information at the checkout to help people understand that what they are agreeing to is a credit product and what the consequences will be if they are not able to make repayments.

If you are intending to take advantage of one of these products it is very important that you read the small print carefully so that you understand exactly what is involved and what you are signing up to.

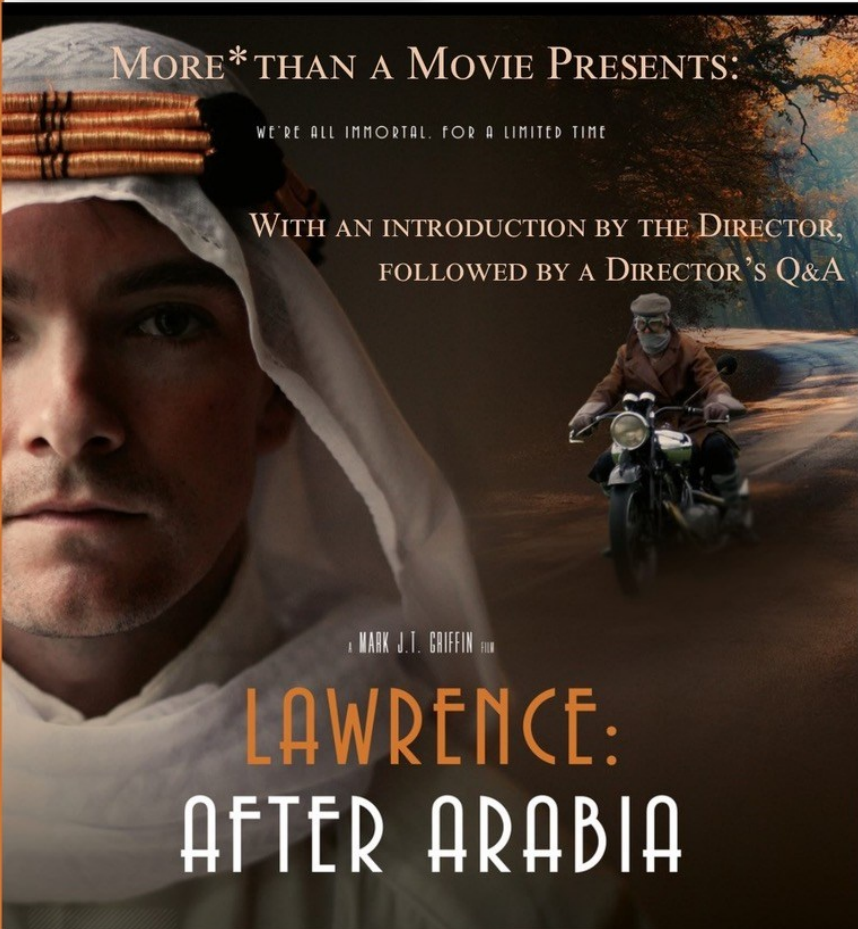
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Dewlish Church Notes

THE Remembrance Day Service was very well-attended, both at the War Memorial and in our church afterwards. We were joined by three soldiers from Bovington Camp who laid a wreath. John Seymour, who laid the village wreath, also kindly arranged the soldiers' visit and for Erica Williams from Dorchester to play her trumpet at the War Memorial. Thank you so much everyone! The service was led by Jim, and refreshments followed in the Village Hall. Again, many thanks to those who helped in any way.

John also read his poem, "Lest We Forget", during the church service. It commemorates the First World War Fallen whose names appear on the War Memorial. We are delighted to report that John's poem won this year's Soldiers' Art Academy International Poetry Competition which drew entries from all over the world from Thailand to the USA.

His inspiration, he said, was that he passionately believed every generation had to understand the true cost of war and therefore the price paid by these men; such a high number from such a small community. Further: "It is an understanding we must ensure is passed on to those that come after us." Congratulations, and well done, John! Here is that award-winning poem...

LEST WE FORGET

Who now will speak for those lost souls whose ashen faces stare
 What breath is heard upon their fate as stirs the saddened air
 What news of **Daniels, Dorey, Foot**, has ought been said of **Lee**,
 Does no one person know of them that once were known to me?

Who'll tell their tale and say what chance, or deed of valour lay
 The careless hand of death's cold touch upon their final day,
 How anguished were those fleeting hours, how dimmed their parting sight,
 What fear or sorrow did they hold in life's last fading light.

By bullets crack or mortar blast or bayonets searching blade,
 The Reaper came to steal their spark, his bonfire ready laid,
 Their spark to add to his great blaze of robbed humanity,
 Another name on silent stone unknown to all but we.

Then surely still there's **Mitchell**, or the brothers **Diment** three,
 Or **Cutler, Skiller, Christopher**, or **Warren**, what of he,
 With friends as these I thought me blessed, are they too written there,
 Now pressed beneath some foreign soil removed from mortal care.

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What is The Great Field parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!

When is it?

Every Saturday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at The Great Field, Poundbury, Dorchester, DT1 2FG. See [Course page](#) for more details.

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please **register** before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a **printed** copy of your bar-code ([request a reminder](#)). If you forget it, you won't get a time

How fast do I have to be?

We all take part for our own enjoyment. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

The Great Field parkrun needs you!

It is entirely organised by volunteers - email thegreatfield@parkrun.com to help.

We're friendly!

Every week we grab a post parkrun coffee at the Pavilion in the Park (PiP) - please come and join us!

Here is their home website for more detailed information:

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Did other friends unknowing share those winged grains of time,
'Fore silent death defiled the bloom of youth's exultant prime,
Since unremarked lives' moments pass, dissolve and soon forgot,
'Till fortune points a man's last hours the same as one that's not.

So all are lost, while I remain, and mark each passing day,
The life they treasured come for me as dead as now they lay,
That greatest prize, denied their grasp, made worthless in my hand,
Where I survive to tread alone their path upon this land.

For **Burgess, Dennet, Honeybun, and Purchase, Samways**, all,
Leave here the echo of their days and here their shadows fall,
And we who knew them know them still, but time shall fade each trace,
Save just these names alone engraved, when we are gone this place.

and **Robinson....?**

Our **Christmas Bazaar** raised the magnificent sum of £637.55. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, participated or supported us in any way.

Daphne Burg

WANTED!

We have plans to create a 3rd volume of the popular Church Mouse Cookbooks and are after new recipes.

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Services in the Benefice

2nd January – Epiphany

Psalm 72.1-9,10-15, Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12

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| 9.30am | Parish Communion | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30am | Celebrate | Milborne St Andrew |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Puddletown |
| 11.00am | BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language) | Dewlish |
| 4.00pm | Messy Church | Puddletown |

9th January – Baptism of Christ

Psalm 29, Acts 8.14-17, Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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| 9.30am | Parish Communion | Milborne St Andrew |
| 11.00am | Puddletown Praise | Puddletown |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Dewlish |

16th January – Epiphany 2

Psalm 36.5-10, Isaiah 62.1-5, John 2.1-11

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| 9.30am | Parish Communion | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30am | Worship in Stillness | Milborne St Andrew |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Puddletown |
| 11.00am | Family Service | Dewlish |

23rd January – Epiphany 3

Psalm 19, Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Luke 4.14-21

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| 9.30am | Go Fourth | Tolpuddle |
| 9.30am | Parish Communion | Milborne St Andrew |
| 11.00am | BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language) | Puddletown |
| 11.00am | Parish Communion | Dewlish |

30th January – Presentation of Christ

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| 10.30am | United Benefice Holy Communion | Milborne |
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